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State IT Task Force Issues Recommendations

SACRAMENTO - The Task Force on Reengineering IT Procurement for Success, made up of experts appointed by Governor Jerry Brown and Controller John Chiang, today issued its recommendations to improve the State's information technology procurement, proposal evaluation and vendor management.

The Governor and Controller commissioned the Task Force to help the State identify how it can (1) hire the right vendors (2) at the best value, and (3) hold them accountable for their performance. While the primary focus of the Task Force was the procurement process, the recommendations also extend into vendor management to address risks presented in the entire project life cycle.

Task Force chairperson Rosio Alvarez and member David Kraus will present the findings at today's hearing of the Senate Budget Committee, Subcommittee #4, which is scheduled to convene after the Senate adjourns. Alvarez is the Chief Information Officer at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, while Kraus serves as the Chief Contracting Officer for the UC San Diego Medical Center.

The report, "Recommendations to Improve Large Information Technology Procurements: A Road Map for Success in California," provides recommendations on how to improve the State's management of future IT projects from the stages of design and procurement through final completion of the project.

The Governor and Controller thank the task force members for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the State.

The report is available on the Controller's website.

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